(a) whether it is a fact that during the last few months the activities of a terrorist outfit named Babbar Khalsa have increased in many parts of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several dreaded terrorists with human bombs have been arrested during the last two months in some parts of Delhi and Punjab;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the ISI is at the roots of these destructive tendencies of the Babbar Khalsa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The twin blasts on 22.5.2005 in two cinema halls in Delhi and subsequent arrests of several Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) activists in Punjab and Delhi suggest that BKI is trying to revive terrorist activities in Punjab and other parts of the country.

(c) and (d) The available reports suggest that terrorist outfits including BKI are being sponsored and assisted from outside the country in committing acts of terror in some parts of the country.

Delay in arresting culprits due to jurisdiction dispute

†1799. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that due to jurisdiction related disputes as well as delays caused on this count, the police is unable to arrest the culprits as they get sufficient time to escape after committing the crime;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take steps to check the delay caused in determining the jurisdiction so that Police do not face problems in quick arrest of culprits; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, a police officer may, for the purpose of arresting without warrant any person whom he is authorized to arrest, pursue such person into any place in India. Hence, jurisdiction related disputes may not be the cause of delay in arresting of criminals.

(b) and (c) As 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects, it is purely within the domain of the District Administrations under the State Governments to decide and earmark the jurisdiction of each police station and to sort out the jurisdiction related disputes, if any.

Security check arrangements at major airports

1800. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the security check arrangements in the major airports are inadequate and are time consuming thereby causing lot of inconveniences to the passengers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to slow security check system, a large number of flights are delayed at major airports in our country; and

(c) if so, whether Government are contemplating to streamline the procedure to make it convenient for the passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The security check arrangements at the airports are necessary in view of the current threat perception.

(b) The flights are not delayed due to slow security check system as these security checks are commenced sufficiently in advance.

(c) Efforts are being made to further streamline the procedure, through modern security gadgets and better training.